GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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PAEDIATRIC SURGERY
SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK;TARUN GOGOI

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any shortage of paediatric surgeons in the country at present;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to meet the demand of paediatric surgeons in the country;

(d) whether only 22 medical colleges out of the 125 medical colleges had facilities for teaching paediatric surgery in the country;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to expand the teaching of paediatric surgery in the colleges?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a)to(f): No survey has been conducted by the Government on the number of paediatric surgeons in the country. However, as per Medical Council of India, Paediatric Surgery course is available in 17 medical colleges/institutions in the country.Starting of any superspeciality course in any of the institutions depends upon the facilities available in that institution for teaching of students. `Health` is a State subject and under the provision of IMC Act and the Regulations made thereunder the Central Government have been permitting various superspeciality courses, including Paediatric Surgery on the basis of Essentiality Certificate given by the respective State Government for starting such courses.